



MEETING PROJECT NAME: Education Advocates Meeting
DATE OF MEETING: August 20, 2019
TIME: 9:02 AM – 9:40 AM
LOCATION: OPI – 1201 11th Avenue Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

PRESENT

Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
Marco Ferro, Public Policy Director, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
Tim Davis, Water Quality Division Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Rebecca Harbage, Public Policy Director, DEQ
George Mathieus, Deputy Director, DEQ
Kirk Miller, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
Diane Burke, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
McCall Flynn, Education Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
Nancy Hall, Governor's Office of the Budget and Program Planning, (OBPP)
Pad McCracken, Legislative Services
Nick VanBrown, OBPP
Laura Smith, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, (DPHHS) (via phone)
Pete Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BOPE) (via computer)
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney, Legislative Services (via computer)
Stevie Schmitz, (via computer)

OPI STAFF

Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent
Julia Swingley, Chief Legal Counsel
Jule Walker, Deputy Superintendent for Operations
Susie Hedalen, Deputy Superintendent for Education Services
Dylan Klapmeier, Director of Communications and Federal Regulations (via phone)
Ken Bailey, Chief Financial Officer
Tracy Moseman, Health Enhancement Manager
Colet Bartow, Content Standards and Instruction Division Administrator
Sharyl Allen, Personalized Learning Manager

RECORD KEEPER

Virginia Díaz, Administrative Clerk, Office of Public Instruction



TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

DPHHS proposed rules, *Tim Davis*

- Addressed the Lead in School Drinking Water portion of the [DPHHS proposed rules](#)
 - DEQ, along with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has secured funding to pay for the initial round of sampling
 - Guidance on how to do the sampling has been developed
 - DEQ will provide training and technical assistance to support schools in their sampling
 - DPHHS proposed rules allow flexibility when remediation is necessary after testing
- Comments and questions regarding the proposed rules should be directed in writing to DPHHS by 5:00 pm on September 16, 2019
- [Education Advocates Meeting can be listened to at this link](#)

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Content Standards & Instruction, *Colet Bartow*

- New process of looking at content standards in [Social Studies, Career and Technical Education, Library Media, Technology, and Computer Science](#)
- Please provide feedback on the [Draft Content Standards](#) for each area, through September 30, 2019

TOPIC & PRESENTER INFO

Transformational Learning & Advanced Opportunities, *Sharyl Allen*

- [Update on school notification of new revised education laws to support transformational learning](#)
- [HB 351](#)

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HB 715, *Nick VanBrown*

- Update on [HB 715 Study](#)
 - Takes a 20-year look-back on data
 - Will look 10 years forward instead of the current 2-4 years forward
 - State-level data and Local-level data